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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 438
By Davis (Wash)

A RESOLUTION to urge the United States Forest Service to nominate Mount Pleasant, the home of Governor John Sevier, for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.

WHEREAS, General John Sevier (1745–1815) served as the first governor of the State of Tennessee from 1796-1801, and served another term from 1803-09; he also served as the governor of the proclaimed State of Franklin during its existence from 1784-88, and as a leader of the early settlers in the Territory South of the River Ohio; and

WHEREAS, a soldier, statesman, and frontier leader, Governor Sevier also served as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from North Carolina from 1789-91 and returned to the House in 1811 as a member from Tennessee, serving until his death; and

WHEREAS, Mount Pleasant, the historic homeplace of General John Sevier, is located in Washington County, and serves as a historical reminder to present and future generations of the early history of Tennessee; and

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WHEREAS, Mount Pleasant was an important part of the post-revolutionary period of Tennessee's and this nation's history, as much of the business of the State of Franklin was conducted from the Governor's home; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this formative period of Tennessee's history, we wish to honor Governor John Sevier's role in this endeavor and his stabilizing influence toward eventual statehood for Tennessee, as he worked from his Mount Pleasant home; and

WHEREAS, we desire to honor the memory of Governor John Sevier by having his homesite, Mount Pleasant, added to the National Register of Historic Places; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the United States Forest Service is hereby urged and encouraged to nominate the historic site of General John Sevier's home, Mount Pleasant, for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be transmitted to Mr. Mike Dombeck, Ph.D., Chief Forester of the U.S. Forest Service; 201 14th St. SW; Independence Ave. SW; Washington, D.C. 20250; and to Ms. Anne Zimmermann, Forest Supervisor, Cherokee National Forest; P.O. Box 2010; Cleveland, TN 37320.